



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** Recreational Fishing closure of Elwha River and tributaries downstream of Olympic National Park, including Lake Sutherland, Clallam Co.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** : RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, 77.12.047

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department seeks to close portions of the Elwha River and its tributaries to angling for all fish species as early as November 1, 2011. The closure is in conjunction with the removal of dams on the Elwha River beginning in 2011. The protection of fish stocks is needed during the time when sediment accumulations from behind the dams are washed downstream.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The National Park Service--Olympic National Park and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will implement closures of Elwha River fisheries under their jurisdiction. Coordination is occurring through meetings and discussions of an Elwha Fisheries Technical Committee.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☒ Agency study
- ☐ Other (describe)

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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Contact by November 10, 2010. Expected proposal filing will be on or after November 17, 2010.

**DATE**

September 21, 2010

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